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REFORMATORY SCHOOLS

1. AS A SIGN OF AMORE ENLIGHTENED OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD
JUVENILE OFFENDERS, A CONFERENCE WAS CONDUCTED LAST WEEK
IN KABUL, DIRECTED TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF THE FLEDGLING AFGHAN
REFORMATORY SCHOOL SYSTEM. ATTENDING THE SESSION WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HIGH JUDICIARY COUNCIL, THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ALSO PARTICIPATING WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLITERACY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFGHAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARASTOON WELFARE ORGANIZATION. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE, THE GROUP PERFORMED ON-SITE INSPECTIONS OF KABUL'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS (ESTABLISHED IN 1967) AND ITS SISTER INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS (FOUNDED IN 1975).

2. COMMENTING ON THE CONFERENCE, "JAMHOURIAT," KABUL'S GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED, PUSHTU-LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE AFGHAN REFORMATORY SCHOOL SYSTEM IS "TO REHABILITATE DELINQUENT CHILDREN, NOT TO PUNISH THEM." OBSERVING THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ITS YOUTH AS

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"THE GREATEST NATIONAL TREASURE," "JAMHOURIAT" PROMISED THAT "NO EFFORTS WILL BE SPARED TO PAVE THE GROUND FOR THE HEALTHY NURTURING OF YOUNG TALENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES OF AFGHANISTAN."

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT AFGHAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITY

IN THIS COUNTRY.

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